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SUBJ: ISRAELI CENSORSHIP OF COMMERCE MARKET RESEARCH

REF: A) TEL AVIV JUNE 26 TRANSMITTAL OF JUNE 24 ESI LETTER

B) TEL AVIV JULY 1 TRANSMITTAL OF ESI MID TERM REPORT

C) STATE 112390

1. POSITION ON INCLUSION MILITARY DATA IN AVIONICS AND AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT MARKET RESEARCH SET FORTH IN SEPTTEL TO ALL CONTRACT POSTS. ESSENTIALLY, DO NOT EXPECT RESEARCHERS TO SEEK WHAT GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER SECURITY INFORMATION; WANT ONLY FREELY PUBLISHABLE DATA. CAN ACCEPT OMISSION SPECIFIED ITEMS 3.31.01(C), 3.32.09, AND 3.38 IF, AS CONTEMPLATED MID-TERM REPORT PARAGRAPH 1.D.1A, ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DICTATE.

2. OF GREAT CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS PROSPECT THAT IMPOSITION ISRAELI CENSORSHIP MIGHT (A) SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE REMAINING CONTENT OF WHAT IS FUNDAMENTALLY INTENDED TO BE A REPORT OF SALES PROSPECTS FOR CIVIL-USE EQUIPMENT, AND/OR (B) DELAY SUBMISSION OF THE FINAL STUDY. EITHER COULD RENDER UNCLASSIFIED

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THR REPORT UNUSABLE FOR PRIMARY COMMERCE PURPOSE OF

PRODUCTING GLOBAL MARKET SURVEY.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK ESI AND CENSORING AUTHORITY COOPERATION TO KEEP REDUCTION IN REPORT CONTENT TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM AND MEET CONTRACTED DELIVERY DATE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP MOST REALISTIC EXPECTATION.

4. ESI IN ORIGINAL PROPOSAL RECOGNIZED NEED TO AVOID CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. APPLICATION TO THIS RESEARCH OF ROUTINE CENSORSHIP REGIME HARDLY A FORCE MAJEURE AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR CLAIM OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE. FYI, SHOULD PROSPECT PARA 2 EVENTUATE, DEFAULT TERMINATION COULD FOLLOW. END FYI.

5. COMMERCE NOT IN RECEIPT ADVICE CONTRACT DATE AND COPIES REQUIRED PARA 5 REFTEL. PLEASE FORWARD SOONEST.

6. ONLY OTHER SHORTCOMING MID-TERM REPORT IS ABSENCE SPECIFIED FORMAT TABLE 5.
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